

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

Supervisor's Report on Use of Force

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| Incident Information | | | | | | | | | |
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| URN: 9 1 1 - 0 8 3 2 3 - 0 6 2 1 - 0 5 8 | | | | | Date: 6/9/11 | | Time: 1420 | | |
| Location: | | Arroyo Park Drive | | | City or Station: | | SANTA CLARITA | | |
| Bureau/Station/Facility: | | F.O.R. 1 / SCT | | | Admin. Investigation: YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | | | | |
| Type of Force: | | Significant - Personal Weapons | | | | | | | |
| Deputy Injury: YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> | | | Suspect Injury YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> | | | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Call | | <input type="checkbox"/> Observation | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Detail | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Foot Pursuit | | <input type="checkbox"/> Vehicle Pursuit | |
| IAB Notified: YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> | | Person Notified: Lt. Stephen Vaughan | | Emp: [REDACTED] | | IAB Roll Out: YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | | | |
| Involved Employee | | | | | | | | | |
| E1 | Employee # | Last Name Casaus | | | First Name Steven | | | Middle Name J. | |
| Sex: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female | | Race: W | | Unit of Assignment: Santa Clarita Station | | Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): J-Team | | | |
| Shift: <input type="checkbox"/> EM <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Day <input type="checkbox"/> PM | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regular Shift <input type="checkbox"/> OT Shift <input type="checkbox"/> Off Duty | | Age: [REDACTED] | | Height: 508 | | Weight: 178 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Injured <input type="checkbox"/> Treated <input type="checkbox"/> Admitted Hospital: | | | | | | Coroner Case # | | Directed Force <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Force <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | |
| E2 | Employee # | Last Name Dorman | | | First Name Adam | | | Middle Name L. | |
| Sex: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female | | Race: W | | Unit of Assignment: Santa Clarita Station | | Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): COBRA Team | | | |
| Shift: <input type="checkbox"/> EM <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Day <input type="checkbox"/> PM | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regular Shift <input type="checkbox"/> OT Shift <input type="checkbox"/> Off Duty | | Age: [REDACTED] | | Height: 601 | | Weight: 205 | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Injured <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Treated <input type="checkbox"/> Admitted Hospital: | | | | | | Coroner Case # | | Directed Force <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Force <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | |
| E3 | Employee # | Last Name Finn | | | First Name Daniel | | | Middle Name G. | |
| Sex: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female | | Race: W | | Unit of Assignment: Santa Clarita Station | | Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): COBRA Team | | | |
| Shift: <input type="checkbox"/> EM <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Day <input type="checkbox"/> PM | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regular Shift <input type="checkbox"/> OT Shift <input type="checkbox"/> Off Duty | | Age: [REDACTED] | | Height: 510 | | Weight: 190 | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Injured <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Treated <input type="checkbox"/> Admitted Hospital: | | | | | | Coroner Case # | | Directed Force <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Force <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Additional Involved Employees | | | | | | | | | |
| On Duty Supervisor | | | | | | | | | |
| Emp. # | Last Name ANDERSON | | First Name JAMES | | Middle Name R. | | Rank SGT. | Present YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> | Witness to Incident YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Emp. # | Last Name CASAUS | | First Name STEVEN | | Middle Name J. | | Rank SGT. | Present YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> | Witness to Incident YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Watch Sergeant | | | | | | | | | |
| Emp. # | Last Name MILLER | | First Name GARY | | Middle Name J. | | | | |
| Watch Commander | | | | | | | | | |
| Emp. # | Last Name LOW | | First Name STEPHEN | | Middle Name B. | | | | |

STEPHEN LOW, LIEUTENANT
 Watch Commander (Print Name)
 JAMES ANDERSON / SERGEANT
 Supervisor Completing Form: (Print Name)
 PAUL BECKER / CAPTAIN
 Unit Commander (Print Name)

Watch Commander's Signature: [Signature] Emp #: [REDACTED] Date: 9/1/11
 SGT. JAMES ANDERSON
 Copy Provided to Employee by: [Signature] Emp #: [REDACTED]
 Unit Commander's Signature: [Signature] Emp #: [REDACTED] Date: 9-6-11

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| Suspect Information | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|--|---|--|---------------------------------|--|---|-------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------|--|
| Last Name | | SORENSEN | | First Name | | KYLE | | Middle Name | | WILLIAM | |
| AKA Last Name | | | | First Name | | | | Middle Name | | | |
| Sex: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female | | Race: W | | Street Address: | | | City: | | State & Zip Code: | | |
| Work Phone: | | Home Phone: | | Age: 26 | | Height: 511 | | D.O.B. 06-05-85 | | Weight: 200 | |
| Armed? <input type="checkbox"/> | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Booking #: 2769-526 | | Primary Charge Code: 459 P.C. | | Secondary Charge Code: 11377 HS | | Criminal History | | | | | |
| EMT in attendance? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO | | Name: | | Unit: | | Phone #: | | | | | |
| Hospital Admission? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | | Rec'd Treatment At: HENRY MAYO NEWHALL MEMORIAL HOSP. | | Coroner Case #: | | Mental History <input type="checkbox"/> | | | | | |
| By Doctor: TRACY LAWRENCE | | Address: 23845 McBEAN PARKWAY, VALENCIA | | Phone #: 661-253-8000 | | | | | | | |
| Under influence: <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO | | Substance: | | | | Mental Illness <input type="checkbox"/> | | | | | |

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| Suspect Interview | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------|--|------------|--|--|--|---|--|--|--|--|--|
| Date: 06-09-11 | | Time: 1654 | | <input type="checkbox"/> Audiotape: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Videotape: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Photos of Injuries: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | | ADMITTS HEARING ANNOUNCEMENTS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | | | | | |

| Suspect Information | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|--|----------------------|--|------------------------|--|---|-------|-------------|-------------------|---------|--|
| Last Name | | | | First Name | | | | Middle Name | | | |
| AKA Last Name | | | | First Name | | | | Middle Name | | | |
| Sex: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female | | Race: | | Street Address: | | | City: | | State & Zip Code: | | |
| Work Phone: | | Home Phone: | | Age: | | Height: | | D.O.B. | | Weight: | |
| Armed? <input type="checkbox"/> | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Booking #: | | Primary Charge Code: | | Secondary Charge Code: | | Criminal History <input type="checkbox"/> | | | | | |
| EMT in attendance? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO | | Name: | | Unit: | | Phone #: | | | | | |
| Hospital Admission? <input type="checkbox"/> | | Rec'd Treatment At: | | Coroner Case #: | | Mental History <input type="checkbox"/> | | | | | |
| By Doctor: | | Address: | | Phone #: | | | | | | | |
| Under Influence: <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO | | Substance: | | | | Mental Illness: <input type="checkbox"/> | | | | | |

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| Suspect Interview | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Date: | | Time: | | <input type="checkbox"/> Audiotape: <input type="checkbox"/> Videotape: <input type="checkbox"/> Photos of Injuries: <input type="checkbox"/> | | ADMITTS HEARING ANNOUNCEMENTS <input type="checkbox"/> | | | | | |

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| Last Name | | | | First Name | | | | Middle Name | | | |
| AKA Last Name | | | | First Name | | | | Middle Name | | | |
| Sex: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female | | Race: | | Street Address: | | | City: | | State & Zip Code: | | |
| Work Phone: | | Home Phone: | | Age: | | Height: | | D.O.B. | | Weight: | |
| Armed? <input type="checkbox"/> | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Booking #: | | Primary Charge Code: | | Secondary Charge Code: | | Criminal History <input type="checkbox"/> | | | | | |
| EMT in attendance? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO | | Name: | | Unit: | | Phone #: | | | | | |
| Hospital Admission? <input type="checkbox"/> | | Rec'd Treatment At: | | Coroner Case #: | | Mental History <input type="checkbox"/> | | | | | |
| By Doctor: | | Address: | | Phone #: | | | | | | | |
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Method

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| (AW) Arwen | (FH) Firearm (Handgun) | (PO) Personal Weapon (Other) |
| (BC) Baton: (Control) | (FR) Firearm (Rifle) | (RS) Resistance |
| (BI) Baton: (Impact) | (FS) Firearm (Shotgun) | (CN) Restraint Device (Capture Net) |
| (BF) Bodily Fluids | (FO) Firearm (Other) | (RH) Restraint Device (Handcuffs) |
| (CN) Canine | (FB) Flashbang | (HB) Restraint Device: Hobble (Legs Only) |
| (CR) Carotid Restraint | (FL) Flashlight | (TP) Restraint Device: Hobble (TARP) |
| (CH) Choke Hold | (OE) Other Weapon: Edged | (RE) Restraint Device: REACT Belt |
| (CT) Control Holds: (Control Techniques) | (OV) Other Weapon: Vehicle | (SP) Sap |
| (TT) Control Holds: (Team Takedown) | (OB) Other Weapon: Blunt Object | (SH) Shield |
| (TD) Control Holds: (Takedown) | (OO) Other Weapon: Other | (SG) 37mm Stinger |
| (CE) Chemical | (PK) Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Kick) | (SB) Sting Ball |
| (OC) Chemical Agents (OC Spray) | (PS) Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Sweep) | (ST) Stun Bag |
| (TG) Chemical Agents (Tear Gas) | (PH) Personal Weapon (Hand/Arm) | (TR) Taser |
| (EX) Explosives | (PP) Personal Weapon (Push) | (UC) Uncooperative |

Type of Injury

| | | |
|------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|
| (AB) Abrasion | (DB) Dog Bite | (PA) Paralysis |
| (BR) Bruise | (FR) Fractures | (PW) Puncture Wound |
| (BU) Burn | (GS) Gunshot | (SD) Soft Tissue Damage |
| (CP) Complaint of Pain | (HB) Human Bite | (ST) Sprain/Twists |
| (CO) Concussion | (LC) Lacerations | (UN) Unconscious |
| (DH) Death | (ND) Nerve Damage | (RM) Refused Med Treatment |
| (DI) Dislocation | (OD) Organ Damage | (NN) NONE |

Body Part Injured

| | | |
|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| (AD) Abdomen | (FA) Face | (HI) Hip |
| (AK) Ankle | (FE) Feet | (IN) Internal |
| (AR) Arm | (FI) Fingers | (KN) Knees |
| (BK) Back | (GE) Genitals | (LE) Leg |
| (BT) Buttocks | (GR) Groin | (NK) Neck |
| (CH) Chest | (HD) Hands | (NO) Nose |
| (EL) Elbow | (HE) Head | (SH) Shoulder |
| | | (WR) Wrist |

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Force Applied

SIGNIFICANT – USE OF PERSONAL WEAPONS AND RESISTED HANDCUFFING

Incident Details

Santa Clarita Valley Detectives served a Search Warrant at [REDACTED] Arroyo Parkway [REDACTED] Valencia. After the detectives gave knock and notice, the parties inside started to move around. Containment personnel saw two suspects trying to jump from the rear second floor balcony. When the suspects were ordered to "stop", they climbed back into the location. Suspect Sorenson climbed onto the roof, ran across the roof line, and jumped onto the patio of apartment [REDACTED]. He then broke into the sliding patio door of the apartment. Containment deputies saw the garage door opening of apartment [REDACTED] and the female resident came running outside announcing a man had broken into her home and was in her bedroom.

Deputy R. Yost was holding a position of containment and observed Suspect Sorenson run from the location. She advised other units, via her radio, that a suspect was running from the location. Based upon Deputy Yost's broadcast, Sgt. Casaus responded and located the suspect. When Suspect Sorenson ignored his orders to stop, Sgt. Casaus began to chase him. As he fled, Suspect Sorenson ran to a walkway gate at full speed and grabbed for the handle. It appeared he believed the gate would open as he ran into the locked gate. He hit the gate with his face and fell to the ground. He collected himself, jumped over the gate, and continued running. Sgt. Casaus lost sight of the suspect after the man jumped over the gate.

Suspect Sorenson continued to run and jumped into the neighboring complex. Detective Dorman, who was holding a containment position inside of the complex, observed the running suspect and gave chase. There was approximately 50 yards between the suspect and Detective Dorman. Detective Dorman followed Suspect Sorenson as he ran toward McBean Parkway, where the containment personnel were arriving. Suspect Sorenson jumped the wall back onto the roadway and immediately jumped back into the complex, as arriving personnel blocked his avenues of escape. After jumping the wall back into the complex, Suspect Sorenson landed only five to seven feet in front of Detective Dorman. Detective Dorman ordered Suspect Sorenson to get on the ground. Ignoring Detective Dorman's repeated orders, Suspect Sorenson started to rapidly move directly toward Detective Dorman. Believing he was about to be attacked, Detective Dorman delivered two punches to the suspect's face. Suspect Sorenson staggered back against the wall and then moved forward again. Detective Dorman then struck Suspect Sorenson with a palm strike to the face. Detective Dorman continued to order the suspect to get on the ground. Suspect Sorenson moved forward again and Detective Dorman delivered a second palm strike to the man's face. Suspect Sorenson started to buckle and fall to the ground. Sgt. Casaus and Detective Finn could hear Detective Dorman ordering the suspect to the ground as they climbed over the wall and approached Detective Dorman's position.

The suspect fell into a push up position. He then moved from a push up position to be face down on the ground pulling his arms toward his waistband. Detective Finn was trying to gain control of the suspect's hands and used his closed fist to stun the suspect. Detective Finn hit the suspect several times on the head and upper torso. Suspect Sorenson had locked his hands under his body. Sgt. Casaus arrived and saw Suspect Sorenson on the ground with Detective Finn and Detective Dorman engaged in a fight. Suspect Sorenson was still trying to struggle while

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on the ground. Sgt. Casaus then struck the suspect on the left cheek with his fist. Sgt. Casaus saw Suspect Sorenson was trying to get up off the ground. He again struck the suspect's left cheek with his fist. At the same time, Detective Dorman kned the suspect in the right side in an effort to get the man to release control of his arms. Additional deputies started to arrive and Sgt. Casaus requested a taser. Suspect Sorenson then screamed "Ok!". Suspect Sorenson then gave up his hands for handcuffing.

LA County Fire paramedics responded and attended to Suspect Sorenson's injuries. Sorenson was transported to Henry Mayo Newhall Memorial Hospital by AMR Ambulance and was seen by Dr. Tracy Lawrence. Mr. Sorenson was admitted for observation; he received a broken right orbit and a broken left rib. After six days he was stabilized and transferred to LCMC.

Reported Use of Force by Involved Employee(s)

All force used by Sgt. Casaus, Detective Dorman and Detective Finn was documented in individual supplemental reports. The reports are consistent with the injuries sustained by Suspect Sorenson. Detectives Dorman and Finn reported their use of force to Sgt. Casaus and Sgt. Casaus reported his force to Lt. S. Low.

Witness Interview(s)

Because of the wall between Suspect Sorenson and containment deputies, there were no witnesses.

Suspect Interview(s)

Suspect Interview(s) Conducted by: ☒ Watch Commander ☐ Supervising Sergeant

At approximately 1500 hours, Lieutenant S. Low conducted a videotaped interview of Suspect Sorenson at Henry Mayo Hospital. Suspect Sorenson was lying on his side and was very hard to understand. Suspect Sorenson stated he hurt from his head, his arm, and his back. He told Lt. Low he had a pre-existing back condition. When Lt. Low asked him why he ran from the deputies he would not answer. He said he did not fight the deputies. He went on to say he did not comply, "not right away". Suspect Sorenson told Lt. Low he was on [REDACTED]

On June 14, 2011, Suspect Sorenson was released from Henry Mayo Hospital and brought back to Santa Clarita Sheriff's Station. I interviewed him at the booking cell. I showed Suspect Sorenson his [REDACTED] With his many [REDACTED] I asked him why he always fought with deputies. He told me he just "hated" us. He said he will always run.

Medical Review

Suspect Sorenson was treated at the location by paramedics from LA County Fire. He was transported by AMR Ambulance to Henry Mayo Hospital where he was treated for a fractured right orbit and a fractured left rib. Doctor Lawrence examined Suspect Sorenson and found his injuries

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consistent with being struck in the face with a fist and palm strikes. He was uncertain if these injuries could have been exacerbated by running into a metal gate.

Training & Tactical Review

☒ **Debriefing held to discuss training and tactical issues.**

I debriefed this incident with Sgt. Casaus and Detectives Dorman and Finn. Per the "Situational Use of Force Options Chart", I determined the Sergeant and Detectives were justified in their use of force. We discussed the use of palm strikes verses punches when encountering assaultive suspects resisting arrest. The possible utilization of less lethal options in this incident was also addressed during the debriefing. I believe the "Significant" force used in this incident was objectively reasonable, within Department Policy, and properly reported.

Watch Commander's Review

The deputies involved in the incident applied the minimal amount of force necessary to overcome S/Sorenson's uncooperative, and resistive behavior. I believe all force used fell well within the Department guidelines for the application of force and personnel acted responsibly and within all policies and procedures set forth by the Department. Lt. Vaughn, IAB, was immediately notified along with the IAB Mandatory Notification Form being completed. He elected not to respond. I am satisfied the deputies used reasonable and justifiable force, and only that force necessary to apprehend a fleeing residential burglary suspect. I recommend no further action.

Case Status

S/Sorenson pled no contest to two counts of 69 P.C. He was sentenced to 180 days in jail and 3 years probation.

Handwritten notes:
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Dorman
Vaughn
Sorenson